MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

111. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to give a list of motor accidents in the State during the last 3 years; how many of these accidents were caused by taxies and how many by private cars?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon: The list is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: In the answer it is said that there were as many as 71 motor accidents. May I know whether the drivers of some of these vehicles at least were drunk when these accidents happened?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon: Out of 71 cases 42 were charged and some of these may be drunk cases. As regards the exact number, I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Since the accidents are on an increase, what all steps are taken by Government to minimise them?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon: All that is possible is done. The traffic staff are asked to be vigilant. Action is also taken against drunken drivers.

LIST OF CASES OF SUICIDE.

112. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of cases of suicide in the State this year giving the reasons for committing the same by each individual?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon: The list is appended. (*Vide Appendix V*).

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Of the 73 cases of suicide, 7 are cases reported to be from poverty. Have the Government noted that fact?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon: Yes.

EXCISE DUTY ON MATCHES.

113. Mr. M. K. Devassy: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total sum collected by the Government by way of excise duty on matches after the passing of Act XXXV of 1111 up to this day;

(*b*) the total number of match boxes consumed in the State during the period mentioned above?

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Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar: (*a*) The Act XXXV of 1111 referred to in the question is the Mechanical Lighters (Excise Duty) Act which was passed on 6th Karkadagam 1111. The Matches (Excise Duty) Act is Act VIII of 1110. A statement of receipts and contributions under 'Matches' since the introduction of the Matches (Excise Duty) Act is appended. (*Vide Appendix VI*).

(*b*) It is not possible to give a definite answer to the question since matches manufactured in the factories situated in the State are not only consumed in the State but also exported to places outside the Cochin State and matches manufactured in factories situated in places outside the Cochin State, are imported into and consumed in the Cochin State. There is no means of getting accurate figures of the Match boxes imported into and consumed in the State.

HONORARY DOCTORS IN HOSPITALS.

114. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: (*a*) When the system of appointing honorary doctors in Government hospitals was first put into practice in the State;

(*b*) the names, qualifications, periods of service, communities of the honorary doctors now in service so appointed;

(*c*) whether after the appointment of the first honorary doctor, any doctor or doctors have been appointed on the pay system;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in positive, the names, pay, service and communities of such doctors?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: (*a*) In the year 1107.

(*b*) Vide list appended. (*Appendix VII*).

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Vide list appended. (*Appendix VIII*).

Dr. A .R. Menon: How many honorary doctors have been drafted on to the paid category?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: Only one who was in the honorary service has just now been taken into active service and that is Mrs. K. K. Lekshmi.

Dr. A. R. Menon: Is it the policy of the Department to convert honorary doctors into paid ones?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know the reason for departing from the general rule in this case?

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APPENDIX VI.

(Question No. 113.)

Receipts and contributions under 'Matches'.

Financial year. (This begins from the 1st April of a year and ends with the 31st March of the succeeding year.)	Collections under Matches since the introduction of Matches (Excise Duty) Act				Contributions	
	Sale proceeds of banderols	Penalty	License fees	Miscellaneous	From the Government of India being State share	To the Government of India being the balance after deducting from the sale proceeds of banderols the State share and expenditure for the administration of the Act.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1934—1935	1,66,498 12 8	5 0 0	900 0 0	1 5 6	36,908	1,28,944
1935—1936	2,00,519 12 8	...	1,300 0 0	...	85,793	1,09,056
1936—1937	1,37,551 9 0	25 0 0	1,300 0 0	...	87,650	42,543
1937—1938	1,02,818 0 4	98 2 0	830 0 0	..	Not yet determined and communicated by the Government of India.	
1st April 1938—30th June 1938	14,879 2 8	1 0 0	..	1 4 6	To be determined after 31st March 1939.	

Explanatory Note:—Only the sale proceeds of banderols after deducting therefrom the expenditure incurred on account of the administration of Matches (Excise Duty) Act are to be contributed to the common pool for division among the contributing territories on the population basis. All other items of receipts from State Revenue and need not be contributed to the common pool.